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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kevin Bates

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 May 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to a communication made on May 11, 2005.

The Foreign Priority Documents were received on December 17, 2001.

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9-12, 14-16, 19, 21-22, 24-26, 29-30 have been amended.

Claims 3, 8, 13, 17-18, 20, 23, and 27-28 were previously presented.

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ludwig (5915091).

Regarding claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 26, Ludwig discloses an information reproducing method for displaying the same information on plurality of displays in synchronization with one another (Column 26, lines 20 – 31), said method comprising the steps connecting displaying a plurality of terminal devices each said information display for making communications through a network (Column 26, lines 40 – 56); delivering schedule data for reproducing said information on said displays at a time arbitrarily selected by a user (Column 28, lines 53 – 65) from a first terminal device which created said schedule data to other terminal devices of the plurality of terminal

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devices through said network (Column 26, lines 57 – 65); and instructing terminal device of the plurality of terminal devices which receives said schedule data to reproduce said information from among previously recorded information in accordance with said schedule data (Column 26, lines 57 – 65).

Regarding claims 2, 7, 12, 18, 22, and 27, Ludwig discloses that a terminal device to receive said information delivered from said first terminal device through said network, when information reproduced in accordance with said schedule data has been recorded terminal device which receives said schedule data (Column 26, lines 50 – 65).

Regarding claims 3, 8, 13, 19, 23, and 28, Ludwig discloses that schedule data includes unattended-recording data recording predetermined information delivered at predetermined date and time (Column 29, lines 7 – 9).

Regarding claims 4, 9, 14, 17, 24, and 29, Ludwig discloses that said schedule data includes scenario data which special reproduction information together executed during reproduction of a lapse of time from a start reproduction (Column 29, lines 7 – 9).

Regarding claims 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30, Ludwig discloses the steps of: delivering manipulation data to other terminal devices of the plurality of terminal devices through said network, from a terminal device which executes special reproduction during reproduction said information, said manipulation data including at which the special reproduction is executed, the type of the special reproduction (Column 26, lines 50 – 65), and a time elapsed from the start of reproduction of said information; and instructing a terminal device which receives said manipulation data to calculate a position at which the special reproduction is started on said information based on said

manipulation data, move a scene to said start position, and perform the same type of special reproduction as that performed by said terminal device which transmits said manipulation data from said start position to which the scene is moved (Column 29, lines 7 – 9).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed May 11, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that the reference does not disclose that a user can specify an arbitrary time at which information is to reproduced at a remote terminal. The examiner disagrees, as seen in Column 28, line 53 to Column 29, line 14, the reference Ludwig discloses the ability to record a video conference or a demonstration, where all the events and requests are time stamped so that they can be reproduced along with the multimedia presentation. Also that these process can interact with the collaborative software that is responsible for synchronizing the display of the video conference that is being reproduced to share the recorded conference with one or more call or conference participates (Column 29, lines 2 – 4).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Bates whose telephone number is (571) 272-3980. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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